

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2362
ANSWERED ON:09.03.2000
SELLING OF ITEMS AT HIGHER RATES BY NCCF
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

to reply given to Unstarred Question No.2380 on December 15, 1999 and state :-

- (a) whether the NCCF has been selling Paper Punch Single Hole, Stapler No.10, Heavy Duty Stapler on higher rates than Kendriya Bhandar;
- (b) if so, the reasons for selling the same/similar brand of items at such higher rates along with the names of the suppliers and their status;
- (c) the action taken against the officials accepting higher priced items and the suppliers for charging more prices;
- (d) whether there are more such items that are also being sold at high rates than Kendriya Bhandar;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Government propose to direct NCCF to make the purchase rates public supplier-wise, items-wise, brand-wise; and (g) if not, the justification for the Vigilance Department of NCCF of seeking information about suppliers of Kendriya Bhandar.

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREEI PRASAD)

- (a), (b) & (c): The NCCF has reported that supply of stationery items to Government Departments are being made by them on competitive rates. The rates of papers punch and staplers depend upon the quality specifications and items of supplies. The same may be different in respect of items supplied by NCCF and Kendriya Bhandar.
- (d) & (e): The NCCF supplies various stationery items at competitive rates. The rates of an organisation depends upon various factors and, therefore, the rates of an organisation may vary with those of another organisation.
- (f) & (g): The NCCF has reported that their records are open for audit and inspection.